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Dear FloridaNet Members:

Today, Julie Jones participated in a conference call hosted by The National Governors Association for all Governors' Public Safety Broadband Advisors. There are very few details to share at this time.

Summary:

1. There will be six regional workshops. The Region is NOT based on any existing region, but rather on locations convenient for the workshops.
2. Each State will get 10 invites - firm. They were very specific on the distribution of seats. 5 would be State level executives and 5 would be Associations of local governments and tribal. The invite process is being sent to the Governor and Julie will be working with the Governor's office on the list. Assume the invites will be largely from the FloridaNet Executive Board.
3. We do not have the date for the workshop yet. They will be sending this information next week.
4. We will contact our 10 invitees once we have details.
5. The purpose of the 2-day workshop is to interact with the FirstNet Board. There will be presentations, breakouts, and discussion sessions.
6. The SLIGP grant in July CAN be used to cover costs, but issues regarding the fiscal year will complicate matters for most. They are aware of the problem and have sought solutions, but none seems to be viable. This will be a reimbursable cost for participants, but NOT covered until the grant comes through in July.
7. NTIA will be working with the State designee to gather questions that will help focus each workshop. This will enable customizing each workshop. We will post the questions and gather your input as part of the FloridaNet submittal.
8. The workshop is designed for the FirstNet Board to hear State requirements, priorities, and concerns are the focus.
9. The workshops are part of a continuing outreach effort and they will be holding future workshops.

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